

YEAR 5

Treacherous Trenches

Driving Question: What was Banbury's involvement in WWI and how did the war affect our towns, men, women and society?

Outcome: Museum Exhibit - wheeled field gun and display information about Banbury's involvement

Literacy

We are beginning term 5 focusing on our reading text, *War Game* by Michael Foreman. This high quality text links perfectly with our WWI topic. We will carefully study the text and images to develop our understanding of the atrocities of this war, including the effect it had on soldiers and their families. The children will write a diary entry 'in character' and express their coping with trench life.

Later in the term, we will be learning the key features of a one sided discussion before writing our own. The children will consider the ethics of war and whether it was right or wrong that soldiers were conscripted.

Persuasive language will be used to develop clear points and paragraphs.



To help you with this topic, you could research life in the trenches.

Maths

We will be finishing our unit on multiplication and division this term before moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages. We will build on our knowledge of multiplying fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. Then, we will order and compare decimals as well as rounding them before introducing percentages. Once we have a firm understanding of all three of these concepts, we will be linking them together.

At home you could continue to practise your times tables on TTRS.

Physical Education

The children will be preparing for Sports Day in Term 6 by taking part in athletics activities including, running and jumping with accuracy, control and speed. Year 5 also have the exciting topic of orienteering to look forward to this term, which involves reading maps and navigating the outdoors. PE sessions will continue to be on a **Monday and every Wednesday (Beech)**. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson and hair must be tied up.

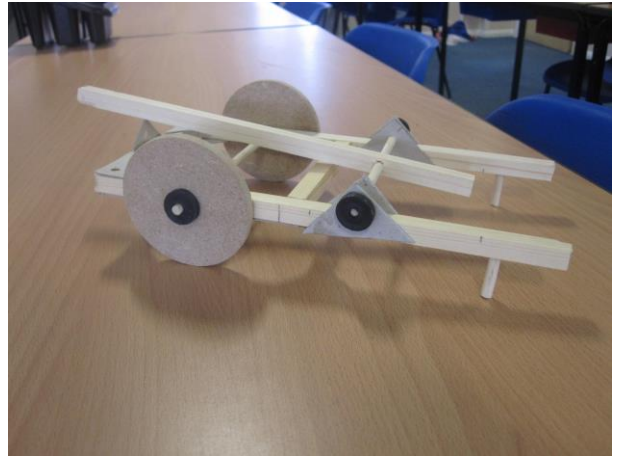
On a **Wednesday**, Sycamore children will continue to swim, whilst others will have a PE session at school. Please ensure they have their full kit with them ready to walk to Spiceball promptly at 9.30am. You will be notified when your child no longer needs to go swimming.

History

The children will find out about the causes of World War One as well as the key figures involved. They will carefully consider the methods of warfare involved and their impact. We will also think about the devastating life the soldiers endured in the trenches, including sights, sounds, smells and what they might have been feeling.

Design Technology

This term, the children will be looking carefully at images of a wheeled gun which was used widely in World War One. We will look at its uses as well as its limitations before designing, making and evaluating our own. In the process, the children will incorporate a mechanical system such as a lever. In making their model, the children will learn to use a range of tools and equipment competently.



REMINDERS AND DATES

Monday 21st April - Bank holiday
Tuesday 22nd April - Term 5 starts
23rd April – 30th April – Travelling book fair
Thursday 24th April – Class Photos
Monday 5th May - Early May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May – Last day of Term 5
26th – 30th May – May Half Term Holiday